

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or Revocation)
)
of the Educator Certificate of)
)
Rosalyn Browne,)
)
Certificate 200497)

**CONSENT ORDER
OF SUSPENSION**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on November 9, 2005. On May 3, 2005, the State Department of Education (Department) sent a notice of hearing regarding a possible certificate suspension or revocation on the grounds of test security violations to Rosalyn Brown by certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Ms. Brown initially requested a hearing, but has now agreed to waive her right to a hearing and to accept the suspension of her certificate for a period commencing on November 1, 2005, through July 31, 2006. After considering the information presented by the Department, the State Board voted to suspend Ms. Browne's educator certificate for the agreed upon period of time.

Accepted:
Rosalyn
Browne,
200497

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Rosalyn Browne holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has over thirty years of teaching experience. Ms. Browne was employed by the Beaufort County School District (District) for the 2002-03 school year and was assigned as the Principal of Whale Branch Middle School. Following the Spring 2003 PACT testing, Ms. Browne sent an electronic mail message to staff members asking them to collect information from students about the test and to share that information with her. State Board Regulation 43-100 prohibits educators from

discussing the contents of standardized tests with examinees, teachers and other educators before, during or after testing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. Just cause includes test security violations. 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-100. The Board finds that the evidence presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists for the suspension of Ms. Browne's educator certificate. Accordingly, the Board issues this Consent Order of Suspension for the period November 9, 2005, through July 31, 2006. At the conclusion of the suspension period, Ms. Browne may make a written request to the Department's Office of Educator Certification if she wishes to have her certificate reinstated.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Paul M. Forrester

Paul M. Forrester, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

November 9, 2005

I, Roslyn Browne, SC Educator Certificate 200497, do hereby agree to this Order of Suspension, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on November 9, 2005.

/S/ Rosalyn Browne
Rosalyn Browne

10/24/05
Date